

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

Rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled. The language incorporated into claim 1 has been modified for improved clarity. It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of claim 2 renders this rejection moot.

Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7 presently stand rejected as anticipated by Win et al. (U.S. 6,453,353). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations of claims 2 and 3 and to more clearly define the present invention. Claims 2 and 3 have accordingly been cancelled, leaving claims 1, and 4-7 pending.

Applicant's invention, as expressed by the amended claim 1, is a method for integrating multiple web servers based on individual client authorization, functioning in a network or web environment including a master web server, and at least one slave web server, in communication with at least one client. The master web server, upon receiving and authenticating a command or request from a client, generates a web page, according to a specific screen model, that includes a listing of names (and associated URLs) of additional web sites, gathered from the master web server and the slave web servers, that the client is authorized to display and edit based on an individual authorization level derived from a client's authorization number and verification number. The listed additional web sites may be directly accessed, without further authentication.

It is respectfully submitted that Win fails to anticipate claim 1, because Win fails to teach a master web server that generates a web page, according to a specific screen model,

that includes a listing of names of additional web sites that a client is authorized to display and edit by direct access without further authentication.

While Win discloses that an access server generates and presents a user with a “customized Web page showing only those resources that the user may access”, access to a resource is made through the access server which then resolves whether or not access is to be granted, and not by direct access to a master or slave web server.

Win employs an authentication scheme that is more complicated than that of the present application, relying on the interaction of at least a protected server, an access server, and a registry server. The result of interaction between the access server and the registry server, in the case of a valid user, is that a cookie including authentication information is sent to the user’s browser. To access a protected resource, the user’s browser sends a resource request including a cookie to the protected server. The protected server then uses information in the cookie to verify that the user is authorized to access the requested resource. Thus, while a further or additional transaction with the access server and registry server, requiring an input from, or interaction with, the user, is not required, it cannot be said that the resource is accessed directly and without further authentication because authentication is performed by the protected server based on the contents of the cookie.

It is respectfully submitted that, for at least these reasons, claim 1, and the associated dependant claims 4-7, are allowable in view of the prior art applied of record. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Remaining art of record not relied upon to reject any claims

The amended claims have been compared with the remaining art cited by the Examiner and it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over such prior art.

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Conclusion

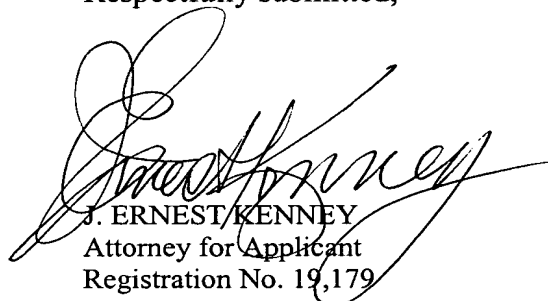
In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1, and 4-7 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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